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**Applicants:** Masahide Yamaki, et al.

**Examiner:** John P. Leubecker

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**For:** LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS  
FOR PROVIDING ILLUMINATING  
LIGHT TO AN ENDSCOPE, AND AN  
ENDSCOPE SYSTEM

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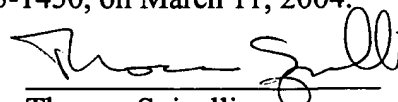
In response to the Official Action dated December 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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